

**Minutes of the Greens and Amenities Committee Meeting  
Held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Via Zoom**

**Attended:** Cllr Tara Barber, Cllr Richard Booth, Cllr Margaret Crompton, Cllr Johnny Denis, Cllr Clare Herbert, Cllr John Kay, Cllr Gavin May (C), Cllr Sarah Phillips, Cllr Gordon Sims, Cllr David Terry, Cllr Richard Turner & Cllr John Whitlock

**In attendance:** Karen Crowhurst - Clerk/RFO  
Gail Metcalfe - Administrator

**Members of the public** – Approximately 34

Before the meeting commenced the Chairman welcomed everyone and requested that any Members be named as part of the voting process.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 No apologies for received.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

2.1 It was **resolved** to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Greens and Amenities Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

3.1 There were no declarations of interests or dispensation requests.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS** - This item shall last not more than 15 minutes or at Chairman's discretion and no contribution shall last more than 3 minutes.

4.1 At 5.33pm the chairman invited the Meeting to suspend Standing Orders and asked for questions or comments from members of the public present.

4.2 Members of the public made comments or referred to:

- Being keen to see the Barrister's report and querying why this was not automatic - the Council having a lot to learn as regards openness and transparency
- The Village Green being widely used by picnickers and playing children
- The footprint of the proposed skate park sites on the Village Green being marked out with flags and ropes would be especially useful
- Further opposition to the Skatepark being on the Village Green including for aesthetic reasons and retaining the green space in the centre of the village which could be lost forever

4.3 Standing Orders were reinstated at 5.44pm.

**5. SKATE PARK ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 5.1 a) To decide whether to allow the report from the Barrister to be published in the public domain
- 5.2 A proposal was made for the Barrister's report and the instructions to be published for residents to see was received. The proposal was seconded. A vote was taken by a show of hands, the outcome of which was unanimous. It was **resolved** for the Clerk to publish the report and instructions. **Action – The Clerk.**
- 5.3 b) To decide whether the Village Green should be discounted as an option of a site going forward
- 5.4 After each and every Member expressed their views and concerns the meeting moved to a named vote. Each Member gave their reasons for their decisions. The motion for the vote was as above.

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Cllr Barber	Yes
Cllr Booth	No
Cllr Crompton	No
Cllr Denis	Yes
Cllr Herbert	No
Cllr Kay	No
Cllr May	Yes
Cllr Sims	Yes
Cllr Phillips	Yes
Cllr Turner	No
Cllr Terry	No
Cllr Whitlock	Yes

- 5.5 As the outcome of the vote was split, the Chairman exercised his power of casting vote and voted no. It was **resolved** to discount the Village Green as a site going forward to house a skate park.
- 5.6
- 5.7 c) If the Village Green is not discounted, to decide the precise site to go forward to consultation and installation if the consultation agrees
- 5.8 This item is no longer relevant due to the outcome of the decision at 5.4
- 5.9 d) To decide that Village Green will be part of the consultation alongside Fingerpost Field, an already agreed site
- 5.10 This item is no longer relevant due to the outcome of the decision at 5.4
- 5.11 e) To agree the consultation process in order for all residents to be able to participate, including content, how it will be delivered and timeframe
- 5.12 It was agreed that the consultation process would commence on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for 3 weeks. The residents of The Broyle would be written to as they are directly affected by this. It was agreed to publish in the Sussex Express and on Facebook and to engage with the primary and secondary schools. **Action -The Clerk**

- 5.13 f) To agree any associated costs and decide where any associated funds will be taken from. **To date a £500 grant has been granted for this process**
- 5.14 This item was not covered.
6. **There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.10pm.**

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Date of next meeting, Thursday  
legislation permitting

**THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**

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